LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1.(Previously Presented) A method of producing bearing shells in which blanks are made from a strip material, then these blanks are shaped into a bearing shell and finally these bearing shells are provided with an overlay, wherein

at least one stamped marking is introduced into the inner surface of the blank or the bearing shell within a strip-shaped area below the parting face prior to application of the overlay, wherein the depth and width of the stamped marking are sufficiently large for the contour of the stamped marking to be retained after application of the overlay.

2. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the at least one stamped marking is introduced prior to machining of the inner surface.

3. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein a machining step is used in forming the bearing shell and where the at least one stamped marking is introduced in combination with the machining step.

4. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the at lease one stamped marking is introduced during a punching out operation of the blank.

5. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the at least one stamped marking is introduced during shaping.

6. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the at least one stamped marking is introduced into a relief area of the bearing shell.

7. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the at least one stamped marking is introduced with an initial depth T, such that after an internal machining operation the marking has a final depth T' of $\geq$0.1 mm.

8. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the at least one stamped marking is introduced with an initial depth T, such that after an internal

machining operation the marking has a final depth T' that is > than twice a thickness D of the overlay.

9. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the at least one stamped marking is introduced with a round or n-gonal contour, where n is ≥3.

10. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the at least one stamped marking is introduced with a width B, such that after an internal machining operation the marking has a final width B' that is > twice the thickness of the overlay.

11. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the at least one stamped marking is introduced with a width B, such that after an internal machining operation the marking has a final width B' that is ≥0.1 mm.

12. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the at least one stamped marking is introduced in the middle of the strip-shaped area.

13. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the at least one stamped marking is introduced at the edge of the strip-shaped area.

14. (Canceled)